

## **Waste & Enforcement Team Congressional Activities: Outlook for Week of March 26, 2012**

### **Hearings:**

### **Briefings:**

March 27, 2012- House Appropriations Surveys and Investigations Committee bi-partisan staff briefing on the Agency's use of the Superfund special accounts. This briefing is part of a study the Committee is conducting and is similar to the recent GAO report (February 2012), 2009 OIG Report, and Senator Inhofe Inquiry.  
**(OSWER, OECA, OCFO)**

Week of April 2nd – Follow up call regarding Dimock, PA with House Energy and Commerce Committee, House Science Committee and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee staff. **(OSWER, OECA, R3)**

### **Rollouts:**

### **112<sup>th</sup> Congress LEGISLATION**

#### **Senate:**

**S.1400 - Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2011 (RESTORE ACT)** – Introduced on 7/21/2011 by Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) with seven co-sponsors, was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar on 12/8/2011 and passed as an amendment to S.1813, the Surface Transportation Act on 3/14/2012.

**S. 1751- “Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2011”** -introduced on October 20, 2011 by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND) with nine co-sponsors, referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**S. 1729 (companion to H.R. 2997)** -- A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to clarify that manure is not considered a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant under that Act; Introduced by Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) on October 18, 2011 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Co-sponsors include: Crapo, Moran, Isakson, Lugar, Chambliss, and Risch.

**S.1270 (eWaste)** - A bill to prohibit the export from the United States of certain electronic waste, and for other purposes. Introduced by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) on 6/23/2011 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**S.1047 - “Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Act of 2011”** - A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 23, 2011 by Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**S. 710 - “Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act”** – A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system. Introduced on March 31, 2011 by Senator John Thune (R-SD) and cosponsored by Senator Benjamin Cardin (D-MD), Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ).

On April 14, 2011, the Committee on Environment and Public Works ordered the bill to be reported without amendment favorably.

**S. 76 – “Strengthening Protections for Children and Communities from Disease Clusters Act”** – A bill that requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop, publish, and update guidelines on an approach to investigate suspected or potential disease clusters, environmental pollutants or toxic substances associated with such clusters, or potential causes of such clusters. Sponsor: Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA). Introduced 1/25/2011, cosponsors (4), latest Major Action: 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.



**S.461 (Superfund Tax reinstatement)**- A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend financing of the Superfund. Sponsor: Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). Introduced 3/2/2011, cosponsors (7) Latest Major Action: 3/2/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S.104 (SPCC dairy exemption)**- Introduced on 1/25/11 by Senator Johanns (R-Neb). A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to finalize a proposed rule to amend the spill prevention, control and countermeasure rule to tailor and streamline the requirements for the dairy industry, and for other purposes. 1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**House:**

**H.R. 3158 (SPCC)** - To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms. Introduced on 10/12/2011 by Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR) and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

**H.R. 2937 (pipeline safety)**- A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes. Introduced on 9/15/11 by Rep Fred Upton (D-MI) and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**H.R. 2997- "Superfund Common Sense Act"**- A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Responsive Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 to provide that manure is not considered a hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant under that Act, and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Billy Long (R-MO) on 9/21/11 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

**H.R. 1938 – "North American-Made Energy Security Act"** - The bill is intended to expedite the Federal approval process of a proposed crude oil pipeline from Alberta, Canada, and to refineries in Texas and would require the President to issue a final order to either grant or reject a presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline and to coordinate with Federal agencies to expedite actions needed with regard to the permit decision. EPA has commented on the DEIS noting insufficient information. Introduced 5/23/2011 by Rep. Terry, Lee (R-NE-2). On 6/15/2011, the House Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee approved for full Committee action without amendment, and on 6/23/2011 full committee reported out the bill. House T&I and Natural Resources Committees have not held markups.

**H.R.2273 (CCR)** - A bill to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels. Introduced on June 22, 2011 by Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Amended July 13, 2011 and passed out of Committee (35-12) on July 13, 2011. Passed the House on October 14, 2011 by a vote of 244-163.

**H.R.2284 (eWaste)** A bill to prohibit the export from the United States of certain electronic waste, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 22, 2011 by Rep. Gene Green (TX) and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

**H.R. Discussion draft- (WMD Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2011)** To enhance homeland security by improving efforts to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from an attack with a weapon of mass destruction, and for other purposes.